of getting anything-continued it until it began to get, dangerous.

"There is a different kind of experiment—it consists of boiling the stomach with sulphur. This I tried, too. In this particular stomach—Uctavia's—I got no chemical indication of poison, despite my efforts. I made three experiments, and all amounted to nothing.

"Notwithstanding that, I give it to you be my decided online in the continuous discountered in the continuous continuous continuous decided online that Octavia died.

Notwithstanding that, I give if to you as my decided opinion that Octavia died of phosphorus poisoning. There are good reasons why I found no poison. This probably is due to the small dose. It takes very little to kill. Once a child was killed by the heads of two matches. The greatest trouble was the child's incessant vomiting, which might have thrown everything out of the stomach. Phosphorus, when taken in small quantitles, rapidly turns into another compound. The presence of calomel also destroys the cliances of success of such experiments. Taking it altogether, it is experiments. Taking it altogether, it is not surprising that the child was poi-soned and that we were not able to de-

think the child was poisoned with sphorous for two or three reasons, symptohis correspond very well with ain cases of phosphorous poison, and h Mrs. Perkins received a letter that a phosphorous mixture or paste upon

#### First Child Poisoned.

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"My chief reason for thinking she was poisoned is that the other little child was poisoned with phosphoryous. He died September 21st—more than a month ago. In talking with Judge Richardson about the case of Octavia, he concluded that we ought to exhaust all our efforts, and that in order to do that we had better exhume the other child's body was exceedingly dilaplated; everything dried up and the sidn leathery. With some difficulty I got out the stomach. The stomach was in very fair order, however; no marked inflammation; nothing to indicate any particular inflammation. I used the same appliances on this that I used in the case of Octavia. All of a sudden came one of these gleams—yery deep, very startling. Then came others—several others; some very heautiful; others faint. They kept up at intervals, but there they were, appearing in the dark like little electric flashes—very clear, plain and unmistekable. The result was so unexpected and altogether so haportant that I thought it would be best for me to get some confirmatory person to repeat the experiment before—to repeat it in th presence of some one else, using extraordinary precautions so as to prevent anything being communicated to the stomach by myself as matches are everywhere. I took every precaution to avoid that.

Dr. Whitfield With Him.

#### Dr. Whitfield With Him.

"I invited Dr. Whitfield to confirm what I might see, I took all of the stomach I had left and we fixed up the ent you have seen and worke

"Before very long came those gleams again—those flashes and they made a again-those flashes and they made a far more impressive display than they had ever done before."

ad ever done before."
"Not only did the display light up in "Not only did the distinct that in mystical flashes, but these flashes illuminated, the whole surface of the flash and would litht un with a neculiar looking flame-illuminations very easily seen and very striking. Consequently there was no mistake whatsoever in my conclusion that shometh.

it a nutrefied body sometimes gives illuminating pases. Hinstrations of a are seen in Jack o'lanterns, and I

#### No Ouestion Amout It.

"The cuestion might be asked: Couldn't these annerances come from decomposing material? There is no question that the appearances were due to phosphare and not due to Jack o'lanteen complications.
"My oninton is that it came from phosphares administered to the child before that child ded. The general op-

sporing administered to the child be that child died. The general out-e of it is that, in my opinion, both these children died of phosporus oning. The little one—I believe !! been demonstrated—had phosporus stomach. The child's death could hardly have been due to suicide. The poison must have got there, by accident or design."

#### Big Crowd On Hand.

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The coroner's office in the basement of the City Hall was crowded to overflowing before 10 o'clock. Mrs. Perkins, with her father, Mr. Harvey Johnson, and her twelve-year-old daughter, Mary, were the first of the witnesses to appear. She was dressed in deep mourning and had little to say to those near her. Mr. Johnson sat with his head in hands in a meditative mood. Once or twice he spoke to his counsel, Mr. George hands in a meditative mood. Once or twice he spoke to his counsel, Mr. George E. Wise, who is to defend him against the charge made by Mrs. Mamie Bryant, or McDowell, that he abused her grid threatened her life. The case was to have been heard before Justice Crutchoning was still in session. When it is it to be taken one every hour until it to be taken one every hour until likely that another postponement will be

Mrs. McDowell was in the room be-fore the appointed hour. She was be-comingly attired in a light walst and brown skirt. She was alone and seemed much worried.

Miss Abble Mitchell, a young and hand-

Miss Abble Mitchell, a young and handsome young lady, who was snatched into
the case because of the fact that to two
of the threatening letters received by
Mrs. Perkins, was signed the name
"Abble" or the initials A. M. Miss
Mitchell came in with her brother and
a young man. She spoke pleasantly to
those she knew in the room and seemed
in the best of spirits. The crowd was
jostling near the door to get one look
at the principals in the mysterius affair
when Coroner Taylor arrived and ordered the witnesses to leave the room. All
of them retired to the office of Chief
of Police Werner with the exception of
the physicians, who were allowed to remain in the room.

nain in the room. Dr. E. H. Terrill, the family physician, was the first witness. He was on the stand for more than two hours, and was followed by Dr. Gee, whose testimony rollowed by Dr. Gee, whose teatmony was exactly the same. Dr. Gee was called into the case by Dr. Terrell and only saw Octavia Blakey one time and this at night. He was with his associate physician when the prescription was given, the night of the death of the child

#### Dr. Terrell's Testimony.

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Dr. Terrell's Description of the stand for something over half as flow, and recalled the visit to the child on the night of its death. He said:

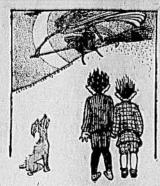
"At the 8 o'clock visit I was told by the child's mother as soon is I entered the room that the child had that morning quepins, holfs and all, and had ventiled some of three hills. She said nothing about poison on that occasion.

"The child was in a deep super and builsh-white color. I don't think it vomited while I was present. The heart was weak; the pulse rapid and weak and the feet were very cold. It appeared to be in a state of collapse. It could be aroused with difficulty. It would ask for water when aroused. I gave the axative From Cuinino Cares coldinoneday, Crip in 2 Days

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"Berry's for Clothes."



FOR HALLOW'EEN.

Here are all the "dress-up" suits for the little fellows. The only mystery about our Boys' Clothes is how they wear so long. Good cloth and good making

explains it. Tuxedo Sults for boys

young as 8. Full Dress Shirts and Patent Leather Shoes, too. For less formal occasions we're fixed to supply their every need through all the various degrees of their stren-

various degrees uosity, too.
Suits, \$3.50 to \$10.
Overcosts, \$3.50 to \$10.
Raincoats, \$8.50 to \$12.50.
Girls' and Misses' Coats, D4.75 to \$15.

These coats for girls are strictly girls' coats.



child about a two-hundredth part of child about a two-hundredth part of a grain of strychuine and directed this to be repeated in two hours. I also gave about a half-teaspoonful of whiskey. I remained about an hour and a half and left the child apparently much better.

"I attributed death at the time to acute indigestion. It is an unusual termination of such a case."

I don't wish to express an opinion as to the actual cause of death. Mrs. Per-

to the actual cause of death. Mrs. Per-kins seemed to be very anxious about the child. I noticed that she expressed the opinion several times that the child would not recover. I have attended quite frequently in the family. Mrs. Perkins always seemed a very devoted mother, I do not recall anything to show that sho had an unbalanced mind, I do not think she is a woman who would poison her

The house was full of women when I

called to treat Willie Perkins, I did not know any of their names." In answer to a question from Common-wealth's Attorney Richardson, Dr. Terrell said that there was nothing administered by them that could have left traces of phosphorous in the stomach

#### About Octavia.

"The message came to my office abou tavia Blakey. I received the message about 2 o'clock and saw the child half about 2 o clock and saw the child hadran hour later. I found her in a stupor from which she could be aroused with difficulty. The pupils were contracted when the lids were closed, and dilated when the child was awake. The child did not complain of pain, and when aroused and asked, said that her stomach vomica, twenty drops elixir lastated pep sin to make two ounces, and the dos was a teaspoonful every two hours. In addition I gave some external applica-tions. I saw the child again about 6 o'clock, and her condition I thought was slightly improved.

#### Symptoms Manifested.

"About 8:30 o'clock Mr. Perkins 'phoned me that he thought the child was dying I then requested Dr. E. W. Gee to go with me, and he did so. The child appeared to be very much improved, except that the heart was weaker. S conscious and sitting up in bed. time they 'phoned to me they said child was in a deep support and conduit to a roused. We then gave a new prescription of nux vomica—I think a drachm—and tincture of strophanthus, thirty drops. This was put into an elixir peptensyme to make two ounces. A dose of this was a teaspoonful every two hours. We also gave a prescription of colomel, cerium oxalate and powdered peptensyme, to be made in six powders and directed

"I am unable to assign any disease as the cause of death. I received a 'phone

the cause of death. I received a 'phone message about 7 o'clock on the morning of the 17th that the child was dead. The mother appeared to be very much distressed.

"At my first visit to Octavia Mrs. Perkins first told me of the anonymous letters she had received, and showed me the letter containing phosphorus, and Instead that the child was polaphed. She called my attention to the odor of the vomit, but I could not detect any odor. There were several women is the room, and one in particular was very anxious to help. I don't know who any of them were. One colored woman was present at one of my visits. I did not notice any special grief among the children. The oldest girl appeared to be the nurse."

Dr. Taylor said that he had not noted any grief on the part of any of the children over the death of Octavia.

At 12:30 Dr. Terrell left the stand, having been testifying for two hours.

Dr. Terrell then read a postal, dated May 13, 1906, that had been received by Mrs. Perkins. He also read the other There were several women in the room

Mrs. Perkins. He also read the other threatening letters, found in another col-umn, to the members of the jury.

### Mrs. Perkins's Statement.

All eyes were turned towards the door when Mrs. Perkins, the mother of the two dead children, was called. She was on the stand for something over half an

she was going to the store, and went away. She said nothing to me about his being sick at that time. The ohild was vomiting before she got to the store. She came back later in the afternoon and helped nurse the baby. I sent for Dr. Terrell that day and he came. The child remained in the house all day Tuesday, and on Wednesday Mrs. Bryant took him to her house between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon and kept him until about 5:45 o'clock.

Requight Back Sick

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"She brought him back vomiting, and said: 'Willie is very sick.' I called the doctor again. Mrs. Bryant assisted me in nursing him again Wednesday night. He was with no one outside of the house on Wednesday except Mrs. Bryant. He was better Thursday morning. No one outside of the house was with him on Thursday except Mrs. Bryant, and she came in the afternoon about 5:20 o'clock and took him up in her arms and carried him out. Little Octavia followed her to the gate, and she said: 'You go back, 'Tavia; I don't want anybody but Willie.' She brought him back in her arms about ten minutes to 6 o'clock. She fixed the time by the time the whistle at the shops blew. She had him about twenty minutes, and brought him back, and he was yomiting very badly, worse than ever. She put him down and said: 'Mrs. Perkins, take Willie; he won't drink toa or cat lee.' She didn't stay a minute, and went home; saying she had to fix her Brought Back Sick. went home, saying she had to fix her husband's supper, and would come back. She came back about 7 o'clock and helped

to nurse him till he died." Recess was here ordered until 4 o'clock. Session After Recess.

Dr. Taylor and the members of the jury were prompt to appear at 4 o'clock and Mrs. Perkins resumed the witness chair. The attendance at the afternoon session was not as large as in the morning. All of the witness remained in Chief Werner's private office above the coroner's room, while Mrs. Perkins was testifying.

oft it before dinner, Mrs. Perkins said hat she did not suspect at that time hat her yourcest child had been pols-ned. He died at 11 o'clock Thursday night, September the 21st, she said. He was sick this last time from 6 o'clock in the afternoon, the time she said Mrs. Bryant brought the child back and left was like matches and ontons, said Mrs. Perkins. The child did not cry, but about an hour before its death it would scream out as if in spasms, and would call for water all the time it was con-scious. All of the medicine given the and went home about half an hour be-ore the child died, having been near the bedside since seven o'clock. Mrs. Bryant told me over a dozen times that if I didn't keep my children out of a

At the time of Willie's last sickness At the time of Whiles hist sickness my visitors were Mrs. Connell and her-daughter Beulah, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Mescoe, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Bath and Mrs. Stellz, in Octavia's slet-ness my visitors were Mrs. Connell cui-dher daughter, Beulah, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. while Mrs. Connell was preparing

Monday previous to the time of death.

Mrs. Bryant didn't like Octavia, yet took her away on the Friday preceding the child's death. She said she was going to take her to her mother's in Barton Heights. She has never done this because a preceding to dishib. Travia. freights. She has never done this be-fore, always appearing to dislike 'Tavia. In about a half an hour she brought the child back, saying that her mother was not at home. Octavia was not sick that day. On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Bryant came after Octavia again and carried her away, saying she wanted the child to play with her baby. She returned well. Mrs. Bryant took the child to her house or Sunday afternoon and gave her some chewing gum. The child came home at 6:39 and did not want any supper, that she had eaten at Mrs. Bryunt's.

sne had eaten at Mrs. Bryant's.

She was not sick at this time and was put in bed about 7:30, apparently well.

The child fainted as it came down the steps Monday morning, before eating any reakfast. She seemed like one dying She showed signs of wanting to vomit, after coming to. About 9:30 in the morning, Mrs. Bryunt came to my house and left her baby, saying she was going to Broad Street. She came back about 10:15; took her baby and asked Pavia to go with her and mind the baby and go to the store for her. Octavia went with her. o'clock Octavia came home and got no further than the front porch, when she sat down and sald: 'Mamma, I'm sick.'

In a few minutes she was nauseated. My daughter, Mary, had been with Oc-tania for a few minutes while she was at Mrs. Bryant's. Mary neither went nor came with Octavia.

at Mrs. Bryant's. Mary neither went nor came with Octavia.

I had already received an anonymous letter containing stuff that smelt like matches. But this did not prejudice me about the odor at all, for I smelled the same odor when Willie died, which was before I received this letter. She was terribly nauseated three hours without relief. She craved water all the time. She apparently didn't have any pain, but about three hours before her death, she nulled at her clothing and would say "it hurts."

She would be unconscious for a spell and it would be hard to wake her. These spells would last for some times twenty-five minutes. She was very hard to arouse from such spells. Before she died she had spells of screaming, lasting about a minute at the time.

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"I have no idea who wrote the letters or the postals."

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"I have no idea who wrote the letters
or the postals.
"I have no reason to suspect anyone
on earth of writing such letters. I know
that Mrs. Bryant often told me that I
would eet another letter. I don't suppose
Mrs. Bryant knew anything about the
death of our dog. She might have know
that the dog was shot. The dog was
shot on Sunday morning."

Juror Hulcher asked if there wasn't
some trouble with a family on Federal
Street, and if there wasn't a young g'rl
there. The girl's name was mentioned.

Mrs. Perkins reciled that there had Mrs. Perkins replied that there had hern some difficulty between the men folks, but nothing in which she was interested.

## "From Mrs. Bryant.

"I don't know that Mrs. Bryant knew that the dog was sick.
"The children could not have got poison from anyone except Mrs. Bryant I firmly believe that she poisoned my children. I don't know of anyone except Mrs. Bryant who had an opportunity to poison my children," vehemently said Mrs. Perkins.



from me, and in passing could see the dog sick."

While Octavia was sick, Miss Beulah Connell asked her if she had picked up anything to make her sick and she said she had not. Miss Connell then asked her if anyone had given her anything to eat, and she said that Mrs. Mac. (Mrs. McDowell) had given her a turnover, some cheming gum and candy. Miss Connell then asked her if it made her sick and Tavia commenced to vomit, but made out to say candy. She never told any more, for she was unconscious for the rest of the time.

"Little Willie was insured for \$8 and Ociavia was insured for \$12."

Seven Chickens Died.

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Willie was buried on Saturday and on the next Monday we had seven chickens to dle.
"I have never noticed the smell of matches in any of my food." odle.
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In answer to a query what her relations were with Miss Abbie Mitchell, Mrs. Perkins said that Miss Mitchell had not been on good terms, with her since September, twelve months ago. After the first postal, which was signed "A. M., and which I accused her of writing, she came to see me, and after some words, she went away, saying "I'll fix you."

Mrs. Perkins became excited at this juncture and said that she had accused Miss Mitchell of sending the postal, and "I said she wrote it then and had good reasons for it, and I believe it now." Insisted the witness, "She has never shown any spite against the children, sufficient to induce her to kill them."

"On the morning of Octavia's sickness, my oldest daughter, Mary, became faint, as she came down before breakfast. And I believe if I hadn't kept Mary from over there, she would have died, too."

"I Was Jealous."

Commonwealth's Attorney Richardsen

"I Was Jealous."

Commonwealth's Attorney Richardsen here asked a few questions regarding the relations between Mrs. Perkins and Miss Mitchell when they once lived next door to each other. Miss Mitchell visited her home often, she said. "She visited her home often, she said. "She visited too often, and was too friendly with my husband, and I was jealous of her. When I told her to remain away and when I received the postal she wanted it, and said she was going to carry it to a lawyer."

The questions reverted to Mrs. McDowell or Mrs. Bryant tand Mrs. Perkins said that the woman had introduced Mr. Bryant and her her witness said she had never heard any threats to expose Mrs. Bryant or McDowell. With the exception of six weeks at one time, Mrs. Bryant had appeared to be very friendly with her.

Juror Mason asked if there was any reason for Mrs. Bryant glying polson to the children, and Mrs. Perkins said that she knew of none.

It was 6:30 o'clock when Mrs. Perkins completed her testimony, which was read to her.

Mary Elizabeth Blakey, the twolve-

to her.

Mary Elizabeth Blakey, the twolveyear-old daughter of Mrs. Perkins, was
put on the stand. Her testimony was corroborative of her mother's.

#### Mrs. McDowell To-day.

Mrs. McDowell 10-day.

Mrs. McDowell or Bryant, is called upon to-day to give her evidence. She will directly contradict Mrs. Perkins in several statements. Mrs. McDowell stotily claims that she went to the home of Mrs. Perkins and assisted her in holding a dog while something was poured down the canine's throat. When the dog had swallowed the contents of a bottle. Mrs. Perkins, so Mrs. Bryant claims, said "That was poison and the dog is dead at last. He bit Ed. (Afr. Perkins) the other day."

dog is dead at last. He bit Ed. (Mr. Perkins) the other day."
Mrs. Perkins claims that the dog was shot by her fither, Mr. Johnson.
At one time yesterday it was thought that an arrest would be made last night, but after a consultation with Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson, the police decided to wait for a while. They will very likely serve a warrant on some one to-day, however, after both sides have had an opportunity to he heard before the Coroner's jury. It is not at all probable that the hearing will be completed by to-night.

The Letters.

## The Letters.

Two postals and two letters were introduced and read to the members of the jury. Mrs. Perkins told of receiving each one, and said at one time that she had accused Miss Mitchell of being the writer of it. Miss Mitchell, she said, had denied it, and in leaving her home, had said: "I'll fix you." One of the letters in particular is xery indecent, and can not be printed in full. Below are the letters or such of them as is proper to publish:

The First Letter.

#### The First Letter. The following is dated July 27th, 6 P

The First Letter.

The following is dated July 27th, 6 P. M.:
M.:
Mrs. Perkins, as you are so called, or Blakey.—It is hard to tell you had better keep your tongue off of people around rederal Street, as every day we hear something. You had better watch out for your life and also that scrap of a man you live with, for some of these times you will be worse off than your dog dyins. I want you to know we are not A—you are fooling after now. Of course I truly believe she loves him and he her, for you know too when you lived on lifth Street you had to move on account of your conduct; much less the talk of you in the bottom. I don't know but one friend you have around there, and she does not know you as we do.

So now you must hold your tongue and keep your noor, half-starved little ones at home you have around there, and she does not know you are, but I tell you, you you where you are, but I tell you, you you could to pay some of those standing bills that you one, not charge so much, for well you know, if you was to take time and correct your children, especially that kid and keep his naked person from showing. I think you would not have to giher heighbors' children that come from Fourth Street. Well, you can beer this in mind what we write to giher heighbors' children that come from Fourth Street. Well, you can beer this in mind what we write to you, and the come from Fourth Street. Well, you can beer this in mind what we write to giher heighbors' children that come from Fourth Street well, you want to the list of the work of the galin. You know better than to interfers, you may talk around in your decent folks, old lady. Now, if you want trouble come around.

FROM 3 OF YOUR FRIENDS ON FED.—

ERAL STREET—FROM 3 LADIES.

P. S.—le sure and ask Perkins about that hot lunch he received from Abble has Wednesday, which he gets any time. You are not the only one that sends fried chicken to him.

When you open this beware of getting tricked as I have been to a fortune teller and have got you fixed.

After Death of Willie.

The second letter follows:
Mrs. Perkins, in care Mrs. Hulcher:
I fold you in my last letter that I hay
you fixed. Well, now you see it worke.
D. K. Now watch out for more, for
have the whole family fixed. More will
have the whole family fixed. More with have the whole family fixed. More will die than one. Look out, you all may not believe in my compity, but it will all work well with me. You are nothing and never have been anything since I have been knowing you. Mr. Perkins is the only one any count, and I love him. You may think people don't know you, but they

know you of old. I see carried one away all right and will more.

A. M.

P. B.—I will have Mr. Perkins now in a little while: I can afford to wait.

How about the time you went to the Sheltering Arms Hospital. Smell this and see if you ever snielt it before.

(The envelope bears postmark October 4th. 6 P. M.)

4th, 6 P. M.) No Name Signed.

The following was postmarked October 18th, 6 P. M. 1805:
Mrs. Perkins:
I truly feel sorry for you, so I will let you know who is doing you wrong, but, of course, I will have to keep my name, so as to keep out of courf. Monday morning I went to see Mrs. Hulcher and walked in the front door, real soon, and I saw her mixing a funny thing together. I, it smelt funny to me, and she toly me it was something to kill rats and threw it out in the yard. Now, if you look in her yard you will see it on a large tin top, perhaps a boiler top, Now, search the yard and you will find your murderer. Now, you, will not have to see,
(This postal card bore city postmark

to see.
(This postal card bore city postmark of October 19th, 6 P. M., 1905.)

The Last Postal.

The Last Postal.

Mrs. Perkins:

I have moved on account of you, for you have falked of me, but you will be sorry for it. In less than two years you will be sorry for it. In less than two years you will be to work, instead of Ed., for he shall be my lover until we can do better. Have you no sense, can't you see the change in him? I only kent you see the change in him? I only kent in with you do in account of him only. I have loved him ever since I first san him, and my ove is returned. No wonder you are Jealous of me, for you are such a sloppy thing. Mow bear in mind has shall be mine. My moving won't keep us apart. We will now see each other oftener than ever.

The last of this postal could not be deciphered.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

#### A Mock Marriage a Part of the Entertainment.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ASHLAND, VA., October 27.-Mrs. D. R. Midyette delightfully entertained a party of young people last aight in honor of Mr. Ralph Midyette attaining his nint-teenth birthday. Those present were Miss Annie Hunter, Miss Mattle McCullen, Miss May Baldwin, Miss Louise Rice, Miss Annie Macon Potts, Miss Grace Borden, of North Carolina, and Miss Seabrook Midyette, Miss Mattle Midyette and Miss Carrie Midyette. Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Helwig, Messrs Beale Brothers, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Duke, Mr. Robert Hunter, Mr. Haskins, and Mr. Carl McCullen. All present enjoyed particularly the songs so sweetly rendered by Miss McCullen, and the instrumental numbers by Miss Borden and Miss Annie Macon Potts, Miss Grace Bor strumental numbers by Miss Borden

A novel feature of the entertainment was a mock marriage, which was nicely arranged. A tray bearing cards was passed around, and cach one assumed the roll called for by the card thus drawn. Miss Annie Macon Potts drew the lot of the March and the March and the property of the March and the property of the property of the property of the March and the property of t bride, Miss May Baldwin, maid of honor Miss Borden and Mr. McCullen, the parents. Considerable ceremony was given to the affair. Miss Potts entered the parior leaning upon the arm of Mr. McCullen, and Mr. Hamilton, the groom with his best man, Mr. Gregory. The bride carried white carnations and wore a long veil of white net. Mr. Ralph Mid-yette, with a very clerical coat and col-lar, assumed the roll of parson. There was much meriment produced by the levity of the ceremony, and after delightful refreshments were served and the bride's cake was cut, the guests paid their respects to the bride and groom. Mrs. Charles E. Potts and Mrs. Morgan Shepherd returned to-day from Freder-

icksburg, Va.
Mrs. Laura Blincoe is reporte. much better, and now and to sit up.

Mr. Frank Vaughan was in town to-

day, accompanied by his two brothers, Walton and Boxley. Mr. H. V. Lemmonds has been appoint-ed as night watchman of Ashiand to suc-

ceed Mr. R. S. Mills.

The Randelph-Macon foot-ball team will

leave here Saturday morning, October 28th, for Baltimore, Md., where they will play the Johns Hopkins University team the same afternoon.

Mrs. J. Lindsay Patton continues quite

Mrs. Dr. Tucker and Miss Liggon, of Powhatan Courthouse, are the guests of

Mrs. G. B. Sydnor.

Dr. R. H. Bennett, of the chair of theology, in Randolph-Macon College, theology, in Randolph-Macon College, who has recently returned from Europe, will deliver a special lecture in the col-lege chapel next Taursday night on the subject of special observations in Europe. The proceeds will be appropriated to benefit of the Woman's Foreign Mis slonary Church. Society of the Duncan Memorial

A very delightful entertainment was given in the college chapel here to-night for the benefit of the Athletic Association. Mr. N. Floyd Featherston, the well known humorist, of Washington, gave a musical and humorous recital, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The extreme scarcity of partridge in

# ROOT CAN'T SPEAK TO VIRGINIA STUDENTS

War Secretary Forced to Decline Invitation for Washington's Birthday Address.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., October 27.—Becretary Root said to-day that owing to the pressure of official duties it would not be possible for him to accept an invitation to deliver an address to the students of the University of Virginia on Washington's birthday. He was invited by Dr. Alderman sometime ago to deliver an address there, and took the invitation under advisement, but was finally forced to decline.

# SEC'Y TAFT STARTS FOR PANAMA CANAL

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 27,—Seoretary Tuft and his party started on their Panama trip to-night, leaving here at 6:35 for Norfolk on board the "Washington," of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Line. The Sceretary will tranship at Old Point at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning. The Sceretary was overwhelmed with work up to the last moment. In the forencon he went over the estimated expenditures of the canal commission since July 1st, It is expected the purchase of the necessary plant to build the canal will be completed by January or June of next year,

## IN NATURE'S LABORATORY.

Medical Discovery" and also into Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as one of their most important ingredients—has caused the price of their root to advance until to-day it commands upwards of a dollar and a half a pound.

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Dr. Pierce believes that in our native forests are to be found an abundance of most valuable medicinal plants for the cure of many distressing and most fatal maladies, if we would only seek them out, test them and learn how and for what diseases to use them. Furthermore, he believes that the vegetable kingdom is the one to resort to for the most harmless remedial agents. They act most kindly upon the human system and are eliminated or carried out of the body by the natural functions without injury, even in cases where it is necessary to make protracted use of them in order to experience permanent cures. Dr. Pierce's medicines being purely vegetable, are perfectly use of them in order to experience permanent cures. Dr. Pierce's medicines being purely vegetable, are perfectly harmless. In other words, while they are potent to cure, being purely vegetable in composition and containing no alcohol, they leave no bad effects behind. This is not generally true when the confidence that the good sense of the afflicted will lead them to appreciate the results of the afflicted will lead them to appreciate the results of the afflicted will lead them to appreciate the results of the afflicted will lead them to appreciate the results of the afflicted will lead them to appreciate the results of the res

alcohol, they leave no bad effects behind. This is not generally true when mineral medicines and those containing large percentages of alcohol are taken into the system and their use protracted over considerable periods of time.

Many years ago, Dr. Pierce discovered that chemically pure glycerine, of proper strength, is a better solvent and preservative of the medicinal principles residing in our indigenous, or native, medicinal plants than is alcohol; and, futhermore, that it possesses intrinsic medicinal properties of its own, being demulcent, nutritive, antiseptic and a most efficient anti-ferment.

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THEY STAND ALONE.

The fact that neither Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the great stomach tonic, liver invigorator, heart regulator and blood purifier, nor his "Favorite Prescription" for weak, nerv-

Buried deep in our American forests, many years ago, Dr. Pierce found a beautiful, blooming plant the root of which possesses wonderfully efficacious properties as a stomach and general tonic, also as an alterative or blood purifier and liver invigorator, having an especial affinity for all nucous surfaces upon which it exerts a most salutary, soothing and healing influence.

This sturdy little plant is known to botanists as Hydrastis Canadensis, but has several local English names, being generally known as Golden Seal. Dr. Pierce found the root of this common forest plant to possess medicinal principles of great potency, especially when combined, in just the right proportions, with Queen's root, Black Cherrybark, Stone root, Mandrake root and Bloodroot, the properties of each being extracted and preserved in chemically pure glycerine of proper strength.

This compound Dr. Pierce named his "Golden Medical Discovery," in honor of the sturdy little Golden Seal plant. So little used was the root of this plant by the medical profession at that time, that it could be purchased in the open markets for from fifteen cents to twenty cents a pound. The use of many tons of this root every year in Dr. Pierce's two leading medicines—for it enters into both "Golden Medical Discovery" and also into Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as one of the star and also into Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as one of the star and also into Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as one of the star and also into Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as one of the star and also into Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as one of the star and also into Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as one of the star and any better preserved.

length of time, cost Dr. Pierce and his assistant chemists and pharmacists a tedious course of study and experiments, extending over several years. With the use of chemically pure glycerine, of just the right strength, and with laboratory apparatus and appliances specially invented and designed to carry on the delicate processes employed, Dr. Pierce finally found that all the medicinal principles residing in the several native medicinal roots could be more perfectly extracted and better preserved perfectly extracted and better preserved from fermentation than if alcohol was employed. Besides the glycerine, of itself, pos-

sesses the property of greatly enhancing the efficacy of the several medicinal agents employed, whereas alcohol is well known to be objectionable in any medicine to be employed in chronic or lingering diseases, where, at best, treat ment must be continued over a considerable period of time in order to make the cure complete and permanent.

The exact proportion of the several ingredients used in these medicines as

well as the working formula and peculiar process, apparatus and appliances employed in their manufacture, are withheld from publicity that Dr. Pierce proprietary rights may not be infringe and trespassed upon by unprincipled imitators and those who may be pirati-

# OVER TO SURGEONS

Chancellor Andrews Suggests Vivisection Instead of Death Penalty.

## GREAT AID TO COMMUNITY

Believes That is the Patient Recovered Sentence Might Be Commuted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LINCOLN, NEB., October 27 .- Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, of the Univer-

sity of Nebraska, in an address before the Nutional Prison Congress in this city, in-National Prison Congress in this city, endorsed the indeterminate sentence, but Hanover county, particularly in the vicinity of Ashland, this season, is causing considerable comment. The birds are very young and small, and old birds very the event such a criminal voluntarily of the very young and small, and old birds very the event such a criminal voluntarily of the very young and small, and old birds very fered his body for scientific experiments. He said science can learn nothing further from studying the cadaver.

"One of the most useful services to humanity," said the Chancellor, "which a live human body could perform would be letting itself be experimented with, under angesthesia or otherwise, to help solve outstanding physiological or biological problems. A body used that way might easily produce benefit to the race compared with which that of a soldier's

pared with which that of a soldier's death in battle would seem trifling.
"One would not go so far as to wish hardened murderers under condemnation forced against their wills to serve science in the way named, but if such a subject voluntarily submitted himself for such service, under the strictest and most benevolent guardianship, it would seem that the death penalty, even of an incorrigible murderer, might justly be commuted therefor."

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CHICAGO, ILL., October 27.—Johann
Hoch, "Jocko" Briggs and John Mueller,
three condemned murderers in the county
jail, discussed Chancellor E. Benjamin
Andrews's question, "Shall Condemned
Murderers be Vivisected?" Hoch and
Briggs have been granted respites, while
Mueller is to hang on December 18th.
Mueller said he would be willing to take
a chance on the operating table if he were
assured of freedom if he recovered.
Briggs said: "I wouldn't stand it, I'd
rather take the rope if all hope was
gone."

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Naval Secretary Soundly Sentences Unamerican Spirit of Navy Yard Employe.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., October 27,-Secretary Bonaparte has directed the dismissal of an employe of the Norfolk navy yard as a result of a complaint which came to the department that the employe, after having agreed to lease two rooms of his house to a machinist's mate serving with the reserve torpedo flotilla, refused to carry out the agreement because it would be necessary for the ma-

refused to carry out the agreement of cause it would be necessary for the machinist's mate to come to his residence dressed in the uniform of a petty officer of the United States havy.

The employe, in his explanation to the department, said that neither he nor his wife had any objection to the uniform, but owing to the prejudice which existed in the town of Berkley against sallors, he felt it due to his family, in order to maintain their position in the town, that he should refuse to allow a sailor to reside in his house.

The Secretary, in a memorandum on the subject, said; "The department has always done everything it reasonably could to protect the service against any form of affront or indignity on the part of those members of the community who are so jacking in patriotism and good sense as to consider the uniform a reason for social discrimination against its wearer." After consideration of the employe's statement, Secretary Bonapario holds "that a person whose attitude towards the uniform of enlisted men is what this employe states his to be, fauncitable for employment by this department."

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Library Callers.

Among the callers at the State Library yesterday were Dr. P. P. May, Treasurej of Louisa county; Mr. George S. Parker, Deputy Sherin of Orange, and Dr. A. S. Priddy, of Marion.

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